

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/608,434

Examiner

Peng Ke

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/10/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,6-11,15,17,19-21,54-63,65,67-71 and 73.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 6/30/00 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Detailed Action

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed on 1/10/05, claims 1, 6-11, 15, 17, 19-21, 54-63, 65, 67-71, and 73 are allowed.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. In this case, the authorization of the applicant is not needed because the change made in this amendment is to correct an obvious typographical error. KK

The application has been amended as follows:

KK Claim 6:

(Currently Amended) A method of assisting a user to make a connection between a digital TV and at least two peripheral devices, comprising:

displaying on a screen page a menu having a plurality of menu items, each menu item identifying a different combination of devices to be connected; and

displaying a graphical illustration the same screen page in response to a user input selecting one of the menu items, the graphical illustration demonstrating electrical connections between at least two devices among the digital TV and the at least two peripheral devices, whereby the user can make the same electrical connections by viewing the graphical illustration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 6-11, 15, 17, 19-21, 54-63, 65, 67-71, and 73 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art either alone or in combination doesn't show or teach the limitation of claims 1, 6, 20, 57, 59, and 70 comprises:

“displaying a menu on a screen page, the menu including a plurality of menu items, each menu item identifying a different combination of devices to be connected; and

displaying, on the same screen page, a guide illustration in response to a user's selection of one of the menu items, the illustration showing how to connect the digital TV to at least one of the at least two peripheral devices indicated by the user-selected menu item.”

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peng Ke whose telephone number is (571) 272-4062. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th and Alternate Fridays 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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